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TAGS: ETRD, SENV, CJ, JM

SUBJECT: CAYMAN TURTLE FARM LIMITED

REF: KINGSTON 7018

1. MR. W.A. JOHNSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CAYMAN TURTLE FARM (CTF) TELEPHONED ECONOMIC OFFICER SEPTEMBER 7 TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS ON LISTING AND TRADE BAN DISCUSSED IN REFTEL. MR. JOHNSON, ON BEHALF OF CTF, APPLIED FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINT ORDER IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON BRINGING SUIT AGAINST THE U.S. SECRETARIES OF INTERIOR AND COMMERCE. ACCORDING TO MR. JOHNSON, THE JUDGE NOT ONLY GRANTED A RESTRAINT ORDER WHICH MEANS THAT THE BAN IN TRADE WILL NOT BE IN FORCE FOR 2 WEEKS, BUT HE ALSO RE-OPENED THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CASE. CTF NOW HAS TWO WEEKS TO MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE COURT PRESENTING ITS ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSIONS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND AND THE POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE INTERIOR AND COMMERCE. NO DEADLINE WAS SET FOR THE RESPONSE BY THE TWO USG AGENCIES. THIS MAY BE IN PART TO ALLOW TIME FOR A U.S. INVESTIGATING TEAM TO VISIT THE CTF AND OBSERVE THEIR OPERATIONS.

2. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT POSTED OF INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON THIS CASE, BUT, AS REQUESTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL, WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON AS CASE PROGRESSES, IN PARTICULAR ANY DEPARTMENT REPLY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IRVING

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